



Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

***Building lives through one God, one faith, and one baptism
while giving our time, talents and treasures***

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Andoh
Pastoral Assoc: Deacon Richard Smith
In Residence:
Rev. Truong Trinh, Chaplain
Secretary: Mary Beth Broussard
SO / DRE: Cheryl Thompson

Pastoral Council:

Meets every 1st Tuesday
of the month

Religious Education

Grades K-5: Nativity BVM

Sacred Heart Center on
Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Grades 6-11: Lifeteen

Sun. 4 pm at Nativity Center

St. Vincent de Paul:

Wednesdays: 9 am – 11 am

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil) Mass – 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass – 10:30 am

Daily Mass – 8:30 am

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions: Tuesdays at 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

by appointment

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and / or emergency:

Communion will be brought to anyone desiring to receive but unable to attend Mass for serious reasons. Please call Fr. Godfrey Andoh at 313-544-6330.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should call the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage. At least one member of the couple should be a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six (6) months.

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptism requires that at least one parent is a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six (6) months. It must be the intent of the parent to actively raise the child in the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

Funerals

Contact Cheryl Thompson at the office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

CATECHISM CORNER

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Church. It can fall on any date from December 11th to December 17th. The day takes its common name from the Latin word Gaudete ("Rejoice.")

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November), when it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"-- a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.

The spirit of the Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

In the Advent wreath, the rose-colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet-colored candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of December 12, 2020

Saturday	Lois Bolton
Sunday	†Eunice B. Lamb
Monday	†Ursula Skrmetti
Tuesday	†Matta Dieu Mai; Simon Chieu Nguyen †Alphonso Thanh Nguyen
Wednesday	Our Parish Family
Thursday	†Eunice B. Lamb
Friday	Our Parish Family

****If you would like to have Masses offered for a loved one or friend, living or deceased, please call the office. The stipend is \$10 per Mass intention.**

PARISH NEWS

**Mon., Dec. 14th; 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration at
Our Mother of Sorrows**

**Wed., Dec. 16th; 6:00 pm
Advent Penance Service
At Blessed Seelos**

**Christmas Holidays:
Dec. 23rd thru 25th
Office Closed**

*Always be full of joy in the
Lord. I say it again—rejoice!
Let everyone see that you are
considerate in all you do.
Remember, the Lord is
coming soon.*

~ Philippians 4:4-5

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,606
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 52,537
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

‘Mary’s greatness consists
in the fact that she wants to
magnify **GOD**, not herself.”

~Pope Benedict XVI

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Extra Ordinary Minsters will not be scheduled at this time.

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 12 th	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Dec. 13 th	Aimee McLendon
Sat., Dec. 19 th	Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Dec. 20 th	Jonathan McLendon

USHERS

Sun., Dec. 13 th	Fred Thompson
Sun., Dec. 20 th	Fred Thompson

COMMENTATOR

Choir
Choir

Altar Servers will not be scheduled at this time.

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Dec. 12 th	Orelia Nunley
Sat., Dec. 19 th	Janice Lee

****For any questions, please call Johnnie Smith (Extraordinary Ministers) 324-4946 or Beverly Duffy (Lectors) 219-4628. Thank you for serving in this ministry!**

ADULT SPIRITUALITY

We will be live streaming both Sunday Masses on

FACEBOOK LIVE:



Blessed Seelos Sunday Mass at 8:30 am
Our Mother of Sorrows Sunday Mass at 10:30 am

There are many resources that are available for personal spiritual growth during this time. Please visit our websites:

Blessed Seelos' website: **SeelosBiloxi.com**

Our Mother of Sorrows' website: **OMSbiloxi.com**

The Diocese of Biloxi's website: **Biloxidiocese.org**

3rd Sunday of Advent

Today we light the third candle of Advent.

The candle represents JOY.
It reminds us of the JOY the world experienced at the birth of JESUS!



Christmas Program for our Parishes

The remaining practice dates and performance information is below. **All practices are at Blessed Seelos Church at 5:30 pm**

Monday, December 14th

Thurs., Dec. 17th 6:00pm

Dress Rehearsal for everyone

Sunday, December 20th 3:00pm Performance!!



We will have an Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos.



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS



If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in church marked “Christmas Flowers”. The deadline is Wednesday, December 16th.

Citywide Christmas Activities:

Senior Brunch with Santa; Thurs., Dec. 17th 9am – until Brunch Bags are gone! Gruich Community Center on Howard Ave. Sponsored by the City of Biloxi

Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru **FREE**** Pancake Breakfast with Santa; Saturday, Dec. 19th from 8 am – 10 am - Bl. Seelos Parish Hall**



“Christmas on Lameuse with Santa”, Saturday, Dec. 19th from 9am until the goody bags are gone! Sponsored by the City of Biloxi

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Blessed Seelos 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Our Mother of Sorrows 11:00 pm

Christmas Day: Blessed Seelos 8:30 am

Our Mother of Sorrows 10:30 am

